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## Country Houses Now the Scene of Gayety at Week End Parties

### Belmont Park's Brilliant Opening to Be Followed by Racing and Entertaining at Piping Rock—Many Weddings Crowded Into the Week—Society's Summer Plans

It is all very well to talk of the charm of country life in the spring, to wax enthusiastic over the delights of the month of May out of town. Nevertheless, continued rain and cold, cheerless weather will daunt the most ardent lovers of the country and send them post haste back to the city, where, if the truth be told, New Yorkers find much more of social interest than anywhere else when weather conditions are bad.

It is absolutely required of those who are of the social elect that by this time of the year they shall be settled in their country houses, or rather that their country houses shall be settled, but in New York itself it is to be found Society with a capital S, enjoying to the fullest extent gay luncheons, dinners and even occasional dances. The rain may interfere with the contemplated country sport for the day—but it must be a heavy rain, for no one stays indoors on account of ordinary bad weather—but there can always be found some amusement within the city limits, and the evenings until the week end would have been spent in New York anyway.

Week ends must be spent in the country, no matter how bad the weather, and while a stranger in New York may think there are still a few people left here at these periods, the one who knows realizes that nobody of social importance is in town. The present week end is especially brilliant, the events including a large fashionable wedding at Belmont and the races, in addition to the usual entertaining, the tennis, the golf and the other outdoor pastimes. With Memorial Day falling on Tuesday, there is an excellent excuse for a prolonged holiday from business cares, and many men began the week end on Friday and will continue it over Monday and Tuesday.

Long Island seems to have secured the greatest number of social luminaries, small exceptions being that is provided for their entertainment. Not to be entirely in the background, that part of New Jersey within motoring distance of the city has offered many opportunities for those who would be gay, and the season is well advanced, with country houses all open and filled with guests. But the Long Island events are of such interest that they take the lead and draw from everywhere else.

Racing continues to lead as a fashionable amusement and certainly Long Island commands that sport. The most fashionable racing and meeting, that of the Piping Rock Club, begins on June 1 and thereby insures another wildly gay week end. One may not know anything about horses, one may not have even a passing interest in the races as such, but no one who loves to be sociable at a meeting, to mingle with the crowd but anticipates these meetings. To point out, or be pointed out, as a prominent person and one well known socially, to meet one's friends, to share the tense excitement that thrills the gathering is the object of the social luminaries who have been here. The details of racing are quite superfluous in the enjoyment of society's gatherings. Once again has the tragedy of the war in Europe added to America's gains, for at every race meeting are to be seen those who in former years were abroad at the season, watching the great race events in Europe, and who now concentrate their interest upon what their own country has to offer.

Yesterday's two weddings were of unusual interest to society, and while the one celebrated in the country at the old Ops place at Belmont meant a special train and all the varied delights of a country wedding, where all the guests were lifelong friends or acquaintances (not necessarily the same thing), the quiet wedding celebration in New York was very smart and exclusive. To be hidden to both happened to many of the Social Register list, while announcement cards were the lot of the merely formal acquaintances, and of those whose names were needed from the number of the chosen. The Eddy-Paine wedding at Belmont was a charming spectacle, while the town wedding of Mrs. Sands and Mr. Whitney was perfectly carried out in every detail. There are many more weddings still on the list, and it is likely that when certain expected announcements of engagements are made the dates of the weddings will also be given out.

Sunday luncheons at places within motoring distance of the city are a feature of this spring's fashionable entertaining. The superb country places near New York are at their best now, with spring blossoms out and no great heat, no mosquitoes. Those who are hidden to such gatherings rarely decline, and among the number are the smartest and the most interesting social luminaries. At Great Neck there have been and will be for some weeks to come the most elaborate of such functions, at which every luxury that wealth and hospitality can furnish is showered upon the guests, who never number less than fifty. The importance of the Sunday luncheon as a social factor grows all the time, and it is rapidly becoming one of the features of American entertaining.

And the charities—how the fashionable women are working. They are indefatigable in their efforts to raise money for the many different needs that this war has created. The toll in their activity seems to have been but the calm before the storm. There are so many beneficiaries of their enterprises that those who really like such enter-



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tainments as are provided can attend them at any time with the consciousness that the money they expend is bound to help somebody. New York is filled with strangers at this season, and strangers who want to be amused, and it was a clever scheme to get up patriotic entertainments now, when the unassuming New York woman is supposed to be in her country house and at all events when fashionable New Yorkers are feeling that there must be a limit some time to the pouring out of money.

As for the Allies Bazaar, which opens at the Grand Central Palace this week, the amount of time, energy and hard work contributed to make it a success by those women who by outsiders have been considered mere social butterflies is quite incredible. New York society women have worked so unceasingly and understandingly since the first call for help was heard that they have made a name for themselves for all time.

It is said that not since bride was first introduced has there been such general interest in it. The gatherings often combine different sets and yet bring together cleverly women of the same set, who are working together on the same boards and for the same object, find an undeniable pleasure in the cementing of old friendships which, under the stress of differing interests and the time spent in Europe, had been allowed to wane.

Taking it all together, Americans are finding unexpected charm and possibilities in America and in their own people. It is quite safe to predict that until after the great bazaar closes any person of importance socially can be communicated with in New York city in spite of the many attractive amusements the countryside has to offer. After that it certainly will be unfeasible to be registered in town—that is, for any New Yorker. There are

plenty of strangers who find New York a desirable summer residence, and a gay season is predicted for them.

Belmont Park's spring season opened under the most brilliant auspices, with the dinner and dance given on Wednesday night by Mr. and Mrs. August Belmont. At the Turf and Field Club dinner, their guests going later to the assembly room of the Jockey Club, which is at the end of the grand stand. They were there joined by others who had come from town and from country houses nearby. All of Mr. and Mrs. Belmont's guests were in evidence on Thursday at the opening of the racing season at Belmont Park and many others as well, coming from town by special trains or motor car, and many others from the immediate vicinity. The gathering of Thursday quite reminded one of old times when racing was in its heyday at Morris Park and Sheepshead Bay and also of the early days at Belmont Park before the "sport of kings" here had been interfered with. There was an animated scene at the Turf and Field Club at the luncheon hour, when fully 300 persons were gathered there in advance of the races. There was full opportunity on Thursday for the display of beautiful costumes and there was no necessity for the warm wraps which had been required but a week previous.

There will be two interesting days of racing this week at Piping Rock, Thursday and Saturday, which are sure to draw crowds. In connection with these races numerous luncheons and dinners have been arranged at the clubhouse and also at the country houses within a radius of forty miles. The week will also be notable for weddings, which will be crowded into Thursday and Saturday, especially, and

most of them will be celebrated in town. That of Henry A. Murray, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Murray of this city, to Miss Josephine Rantoul, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Rantoul of Boston, will take place in St. John's Church, Beverly Farms, Mass., where the bride's parents have their country place. Another country wedding of the week will be celebrated in Hyde Park, N. Y., where Miss Mary E. Newbold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Newbold, will be married to William Gerald Morgan, son of the late William Dore Morgan of this city.

There is now every inducement to leave town for the pleasures of country life and just at this time of year there is more personal comfort to be had in a well appointed country house or seaside villa than during the few weeks in midsummer, when the season of visiting is on at resorts such as Lenox, Newport, Bar Harbor and Long Branch. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. C. Taylor went to Newport last week on their yacht the Wanderer, and they will divide the summer between their place on Annandale road and their farm in Portsmouth, R. I., not far away. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence L. Gillespie will open their place in Bellevue avenue this week. Mrs. Gillespie's mother, Mrs. W. Watts Sherman having already arrived at her home in Sheppard avenue, Mrs. H. Casimir de Rham is now visiting her sister, Mrs. Lorillard Spencer, at Chastellux, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Rollins Morse are with their niece, Mrs. Richard T. Wilson. Mrs. James H. Haggin, who now owns Villa Rosa, the former home in Newport of Mr. and Mrs. Morse, expects to be in it this summer and so there after a visit to Versailles, Ky.

James Stillman, who has not been in Newport for several seasons, is expected at Oaklawn, in Narragansett avenue, this summer, and Mr. and Mrs. Percy A. Rockefeller will be with him. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Weller Jones have registered at the Casino and with them at Sherwood, their villa in Bellevue avenue, has been Thomas H. Wright of Wilmington, N. C. A ballroom has been added to Sherwood during the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Betts Hillhouse and Mr. and Mrs. William E. Glynn have arrived at their respective villas for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander S. Webb, who will return from their honeymoon this week, have been visiting Dr. and Mrs. W. Seward Webb at Sheburne House, Sheburne Farms, N. Y. They will be for the summer in Islip, L. I.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. McCullough expect to be in California for the summer and will leave here late in June. Mr. and Mrs. John Magee, now at the St. Regis, will shortly go to Mount Kisco and for a part of the summer Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Weller Jones will be in the summer in Islip, L. I. Mr. and Mrs. Weldon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald L. Hoyt, in Staatsburg. Mr. and Mrs. Colgate Hoyt have leased Eastover Farm, Oyster Bay, L. I. to E. E. Smith and will go to Alaska and Japan. Mr. and Mrs. A. Rene Moser, who were recently married, will be for the summer in Oyster Bay, where they went last week, accompanied by Mrs. Moser's daughter, Miss Constance Peabody. Mr. and Mrs. Gustave T. Kirby have gone to Bedford Hills, N. Y. Among the recent arrivals in Oyster Bay are Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Phelps and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson H. Burr.

The Brazilian Ambassador and Mme. Domício da Gama, who are in town for a brief stay, will be this summer at Heron Hall, their country place at West End, N. J., and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Seligman, who are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Lewis in Westbury, L. I., will leave for Shoreland, in Elberon, N. J., early next month. Mrs. M. Dwight Collier has gone to Lenox to be with Mr. and Mrs. David Turner Dana. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Batterlee have gone to Greystone, their country place in Highland Falls, N. Y., and to-morrow Mr. and Mrs. William J. Schieffelin and their family will leave for Tranquility Farm, their summer home in Ashewick, Me., not far from Bar Harbor.

Mrs. Clarence G. Dinmore and Mrs. Charles Sackett are at the Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., where they will remain until the early part of next month, and Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt has planned to leave to-morrow for Lenox, where she has leased Ventfort Hall, the estate of the late George H. Morgan. Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Gurnee, who have been for some weeks in Westbury, L. I., will go to Bar Harbor late next month.

"Preparedness" is the slogan of women in society, who are already announcing dates of the important subscription dances of next season, which will be rather a long one, though not so long as that of last winter. On Wednesday will fall on February 21 and that will give for social diversions fully seven weeks after the holidays. The Junior Assemblies, the successors of the Junior Cottolens, will be continued, and like their predecessors will be for debating the coming season and last season. The committee, Mr. Ernest R. Adee, Mrs. Richard C. Colt, Mrs. Robert P. Huntington, Mrs. Walter B. James, Mrs. Edwin D. Morgan and Mrs. H. de Berkeley Parsons, have selected November 28 for the first dance of the subscription, which will be customary by held at Elberon. The other dates selected are January 12 and February 2.

Among the new subscribers are Meses. John W. Blodgett, Andrew Carnegie, Charles Remsen, Lewis S. Thompson, Richard T. Walworth, Ernest G. Fabbri, August B. Field, William A. Floyd-Jones, Walter Jennings, Benjamin B. Lawrence, Daniel E. Moran, Le Roy King, W. Kintzing

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190th St. (Bronx)..... 48 min.  
86th St..... 55 min.  
72nd St..... 57 min.  
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14th St..... 58 min.  
Brooklyn Bridge..... 59 min.  
Bowling Green..... 59 min.

### The Store Expands Its Activities

Summer has begun!

This week will see many people beginning to run on their "summer schedule."

It may consist of cool slip-covers for the living room furniture, and straw hats for the family.

Or it may mean the early-morning train or motor trip into town, and everything that goes with "living in the country."

The point we want to make is, that just as the Summer needs, occupations and avocations of our friends widen out, just so this Store's usefulness broadens, and its service covers a wider field.

Here are all the things that help to make life more livable during the hot weather.

Our merchandise stocks are actually heavier NOW—at the outset of Summer—than they usually are in the Autumn! That is because we have bought, and stored up, the goods that we know will be wanted, so as to have them for our customers, at low prices unaffected by market rises.

Then there is our greatly extended Summer Delivery, with ramifications all over Long Island, so that your purchases are brought to your door the very day after we receive your order, by mail or telephone.

Absence makes the Store grow stronger, in its ability to be of service to you while you are away! If you shop in town yourself during the summer, you will find the Store a delightful place. It is cool, spacious, well-ventilated. And nothing can be more agreeable, on a hot day, than luncheon in the quiet, airy Restaurant, with its good food at moderate prices.

Please make the Store's advantages yours, during the Summer season, as freely as you wish.

### 4000 New Untrimmed Hats at 79c. Each

Selling Regularly Elsewhere at \$1.50 to \$3

Models for Dress Wear, Tailored Suit and Sports, for women, misses, girls.

A purchase of new-created models from one of the greatest Eastern Milliners—offered at 1/3 or 1/4 of their real value.

Fully ninety per cent. of the 4,000 are the fashionable sailor shapes in Lisse, Split Straws, Milan Hemp, Real Hemp, Japanese Straws, Genuine Leghorns. It is the Hat of popular approval for the Summer.

Here are large picturesque styles, charming medium size Sailors and smart small Sailors so beloved of the "Tailor-Maid." Handsome side roll styles; high-crowns, low crowns, and novelty crowns, in navy, all white, all black combinations, navy and ponce, black and white combinations. Also round Hats and Turbans for the matron.

Milliners and small dealers have the privilege of buying a dozen or more at this Sale. There will be no restrictions.

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## A Great Thorough Clearance Sale of Women's Suits—Coats—Dresses

### 1,085 High Grade, Fashionable Garments At Savings of \$7 to \$150.00 on Each

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**550 Women's \$22.50 to \$64.50 Suits at \$13.50, \$18.75, \$29.75 and \$34.75**  
Chiffon taffeta Suits, plaid and changeable silks, silk Composee Suits, Poirer twills, check velours, shepherd checks, serges, poplins and gabardines. Regular sizes and "specially planned" Suits for large women.

**500 Women's \$16.95 to \$39.95 Coats at \$9.95, \$12.95, \$18.75 and \$24.75**  
Chiffon taffeta Coats, taffeta and serge compose, novelty sports fabrics, fine whipcords, wool velours, gabardines and every variety of check fabric. Sizes 34 to 44 in the collection.

**35 Women's \$75.00 to \$210 Gowns and Dresses at \$29.75 to \$98.50**  
Paris originals, Paris copies and adaptations in all the fashionable silks and combinations for afternoon wear. A number of elegant creations for evening wear.

Second floor, Central Building.

## The Great China and Crystal Store

### Is Well Prepared for June Weddings

The artistic and the practical make an excellent blend when applied to the selection of Wedding Gifts. Our magnificent collection of China, Glass and Art Wares is rich in happy suggestions. Here is an inkling of what the seeker after June wedding presents can find—with great advantage to his purse.

**Beautiful Cut Glass**  
There are probably a thousand varieties of shapes, cuttings, sizes and prices in our brilliant collection of Cut Glass. Price is an important feature, because it brings sparkling designs on pure crystal, with the ring and lustre that only lead blanks can give, at moderate outlay.

**Four Special-Priced Groups of Cut Glass**  
At \$1.49, \$2.98, \$3.98 and \$4.98  
Reduced in price from our regular stock, in many cases a full third, and with fine variety at each price.

**Prettily Decorated Fancy China**  
Among the variety of designs we offer as especially adapted for gifts is an effective white and gold rose garland decoration on tan ground. Prices range from 75c. for a three-piece Whipped Cream Set to \$6.98 for an 18-piece After-Dinner Coffee Set. Separate pieces, such as plates of all sizes, cups and saucers, ramikins, etc., may be had to match.

**100-Piece Limoges China Dinner Sets, \$25**  
There are three handsome border designs on the thin white china, the handles and knobs decorated with gold in these interestingly-priced French Dinner Sets, which are complete for twelve people. The services have bread and butter plates. Another handsome 100-piece set in Limoges China is \$34.50.

**American Porcelain Dinner Sets, 100 Pieces, \$6.98, \$8.98, \$10.00 and \$12.98**  
Cottage Dinner Sets in American porcelain of 48 pieces for six people are \$2.98.

**Suggestions Among the Art Wares**  
There are charming groups of carefully-selected pieces in this rich display from which many an artistic gift may be chosen. Among them:

Nippon Vases, 69c. to \$14.98.  
Vases, Composites and Lily Bows, hand-painted, in Amber Glass, \$5.98 to \$18.98.  
Vases in Carnelian Pottery, \$1.19 to \$3.98.  
Donatella Pottery Vases and Flower Boxes, with ivory figures against soft green backgrounds, 49c. to \$5.98.  
Romantic Pottery in Attractive Shapes and Colors, \$1.49 to \$3.49.  
Marble Fountains with birds, our own import, 98c. to \$27.98.  
Royal Vienna, Dresden, Royal Bonn, Limoges, Enamel and other fine pieces, \$5.49 to \$25.00.  
Castilian Marbles in groups and single figures, \$2.49 to \$15.00.  
Real and French Bronzes, 75c. to \$75.

Subway floor, Central Building.

## Living Room Furniture at 25% Less

### A Well Known Maker's Samples

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They are principally Mission designs and in many cases there are just one of a kind, consequently an early selection is suggested.

**Rockers**  
At \$6.35, value \$8.50. Fumed oak, imitation leather.  
At \$8.25, value \$11.00. Fumed oak, Spanish leather.  
At \$9.75, value \$13.00. Fumed oak, Spanish leather.  
At \$10.50, value \$14.00. Golden and Fumed oak, Spanish leather.  
At \$11.25, value \$15.00. Jacobean oak and mahogany finish, tapestry; Fumed oak, Spanish leather.

**Settees and Davenport**  
At \$13.00, value \$17.50. Fumed oak, imitation leather.  
At \$21.00, value \$28.00. Golden and Fumed oak, Spanish leather.  
At \$22.50, value \$30.00. Fumed oak, Spanish leather.  
At \$39.00, value \$52.00. Davenport; Fumed oak, Spanish leather.  
At \$42.00, value \$55.00. Davenport; Jacobean oak, Spanish leather.  
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## A Silk Remnant Day!

### 10,000 Yards of SILK REMNANTS In a Very Extraordinary Clearance

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The Sale is composed, first, of many cut lengths remaining from a phenomenally large silk business; second, of lengths cut from silks in broken color-lines. Every imaginable sort of desirable Silk is included—no use to catalogue them all. Every Remnant is a bargain—many of the Silks having been bought at old low prices.

**Black Taffeta and Satin for Bathing Costumes**  
Here are four splendid qualities—chosen for our stock of dependable Silks because they will give good service for precisely the purpose intended. All pure silk and warranted salt water proof. All at special prices.

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